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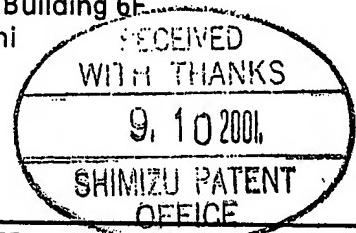
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

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Applicant MIYATA, Toshio		

<p>1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.</p> <p>2. This REPORT consists of a total of <u>3</u> sheets, including this cover sheet.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e., sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).</p> <p>These annexes consist of a total of _____ sheets.</p>	
<p>3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:</p> <p>I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basis of the report</p> <p>II <input type="checkbox"/> Priority</p> <p>III <input type="checkbox"/> Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability</p> <p>IV <input type="checkbox"/> Lack of unity of invention</p> <p>V <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement</p> <p>VI <input type="checkbox"/> Certain documents cited</p> <p>VII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain defects in the international application</p> <p>VIII <input type="checkbox"/> Certain observations on the international application</p>	

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No.

PCT/JPO0/02831

I. Basis of the report

1. With regard to the elements of the international application:^{*}

the international application as originally filed

the description:

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the claims:

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the drawings:

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the sequence listing part of the description:

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2. With regard to the language, all the elements marked above were available or furnished to this Authority in the language in which the international application was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

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the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 23.1(b)).

the language of publication of the international application (under Rule 48.3(b)).

the language of the translation furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination (under Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3).

3. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application, the international preliminary examination was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

contained in the international application in written form.

filed together with the international application in computer readable form.

furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.

furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.

The statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed has been furnished.

The statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

4. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

the description, pages _____

the claims, Nos. _____

the drawings, sheets/fig _____

5. This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).**

* Replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report since they do not contain amendments (Rule 70.16 and 70.17).

** Any replacement sheet containing such amendments must be referred to under item 1 and annexed to this report.

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V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-20	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-20	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

Document 1: Yoshinari Yasuda, et al., "Functional quantitative analysis of the genome in clustered human mesangial cells," Kidney International, Vol. 53, No. 1, 1998, p. 154-158

Document 2: Toshio Miyata, et al., "A mesangial-predominate gene, Megsin, is a new serpin upregulated in IgA nephropathy," J. Clin. Invest., Vol. 102, No. 4, 1998, p. 828-836

Claims 1-20

Based on the descriptions in documents 1 and 2, the inventions set forth in Claims 1-20 do not appear to involve an inventive step.

Document 1 describes the extraction of mRNA from cultured human mesangial cells, the preparation of a 3'-directed cDNA library, performing sequencing and computer analysis of gene fragments inserted into a clone, and cloning a novel gene group that is expressed specifically and in large amounts in mesangial cells. Document 2 describes one gene, Megsin, from the novel gene group that is expressed specifically and in large amounts in mesangial cells that was obtained by the method described in document 1. This being the case, persons skilled in the art can easily perform cloning of other novel genes that are expressed specifically and in large quantities in mesangial cells using the method described in document 1.